

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6765  
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
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E.O. 11652:N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, EEC  
SUBJ: EC IMPORTS OF BOTSWANA BEEF

REF: GABORONE 1446

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL IN THE EC COMMISSION'S VETERINARY  
DIVISION, ALL IMPORTS OF BOTSWANA BEEF THE COMMUNITY  
WERE HALTED IN NOVEMBER, 1977 FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A  
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) OUTBREAK IN NORTHERN BOTSWANA.  
SUCH ACTION IS REQUIRED BY THE EC'S THIRD COUNTRYMEAT  
DIRECTIVE WHICH SPECIFIES THAT MEAT CANNOT ENTER THE  
COMMUNITY FROM A COUNTRY WHERE EXOTIC FMD IS PRESENT.  
OFFICIAL SAID THAT BOTSWANA HAD HALTED ALL EXPORTS OF  
BEEF TO THE EC ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE FOLLOWING THE  
OUTBREAK LAST NOVEMBER.  
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2. THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE THIRD COUNTRY DIRECTIVE,  
HOWEVER, WHEREBY THE STANDING VETERINARY COMMITTEE CAN,  
UPON INVESTIGATION, MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT FRESH MEAT  
IMPORTS MIGHT BE PERMITTED FROM SPECIFIED UNAFFECTED  
REGIONS OF AN INFECTED THIRD COUNTRY. FOLLOWING LAST  
NOVEMBER'S OUTBREAK, OFFICIAL SAID THAT STANDING VETERINARY

COMMITTEE HAD BEGUN SUCH A PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE WHETHER RESUMPTION OF BEEF IMPORTS FROM THE SOUTHERN, UNAFFECTED REGION OF BOTSWANA MIGHT BE PERMITTED. IN THE MIDST OF THE PROCEDURE, HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL OUTBREAKS OF FMD WERE REPORTED EVEN IN CATTLE ALREADY VACCINATED AGAINST FMD. THIS FORCED THE COMMITTEE TO ABANDON THAT APPROACH FOR THE TIME BEING. THE EC IS WATCHING THE SITUATION VERY CLOSELY AND WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING IMPORTS FROM BOTSWANA WHEN THE SITUATION BECOMES MORE SETTLED.

3. OFFICIAL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH BOTSWANA BEEF FRANCE HAD BEEN IMPORTING, BUT HE BELIEVES AT THE U.K. HAD BEEN THE MAJOR IMPORTER KING AROUND 80 PERCENT OF TOTAL EC IMPORTS FROM BOTSWANA.HINTON

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